

USER MANUAL

Xedio Cutter

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What's New?

In the user manual, the icon **NEW !** has been added on the left margin to highlight information on new and updated features.

The sections updated to reflect the new and modified features on Xedio Cutter from Xedio Suite 4.50 (compared to Xedio Suite 4.40) are listed below.

LinX, and the direct access to EVS servers, is no more supported

The Server Recorder Selection button can no more be used to load a train.

- See section "Overview of the Player Pane" on page 17.

Xsquare targets visibility

A note has been added regarding the condition for Xsquare targets visibility.

- See section "Introduction" on page 37.

1. Introduction

1.1. Product Description

The Xedio Cutter is a module of the Xedio Suite of applications. It allows the selection of portions of media to be placed into a list to export (the storyboard) as a “rough cut edit”. This can then be refined and produced as a final edit using the more sophisticated tools available in the full non-linear timeline editing environment it provides.

1.2. Opening Xedio Cutter

To start the Xedio Cutter application, select the application from **Start > Programs > EVS Broadcast Equipment** or click on the **Xedio Cutter** icon on the desktop.



The Xedio workstation may be integrated into an Active Directory domain. In this case, Xedio Cutter will automatically open without requesting additional access codes when the user starts it.

The user group the user belongs to in the Windows domain must be linked to a user role in Xedio Manager. This determines the set of user rights and user settings the user will have in the application. In case a user belongs to several Windows groups, the system retrieve them in alphabetical order and checks whether the first group matches a user role. The use of Windows authentication must have been enabled in Xedio Manager. See the Xedio Manager user manual for more information.

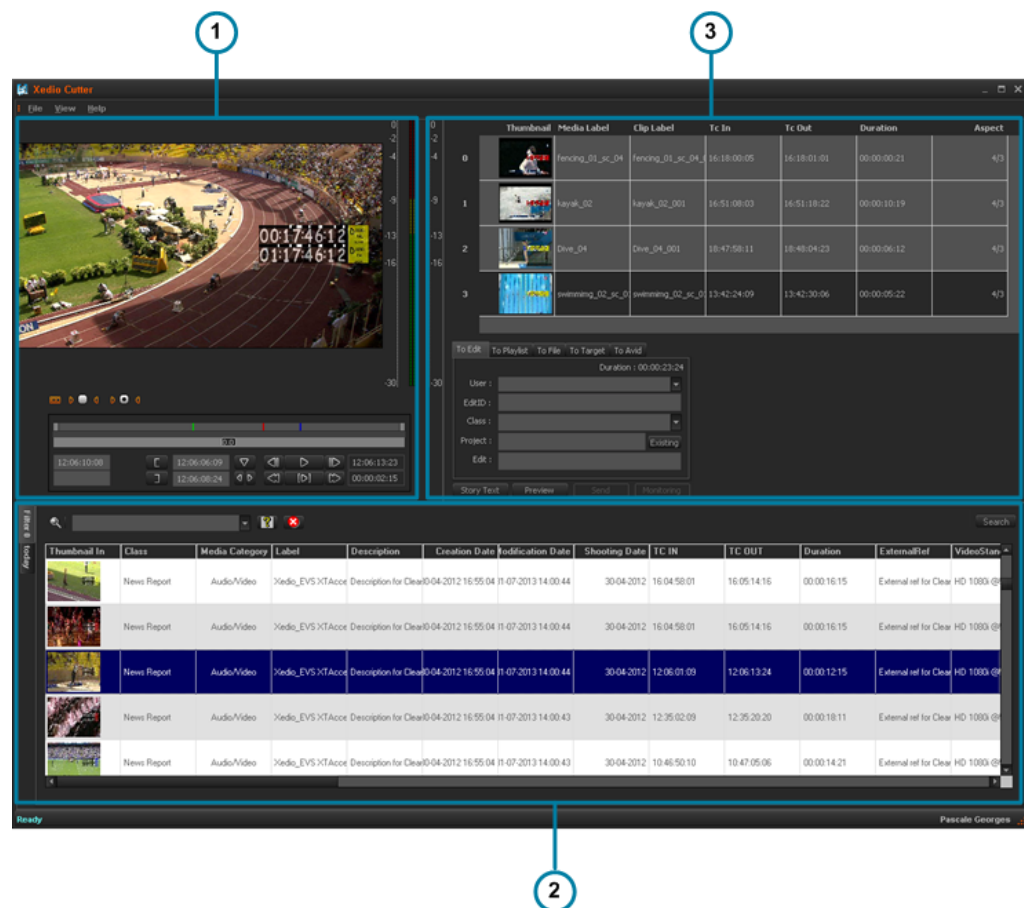
In case the auto-log off mode is activated and the Windows authentication by Active Directory mode is used, the auto-log off becomes an auto-quit function.

If the Xedio workstation is not integrated into an Active Directory domain, a login screen will display, where users have to enter their own Xedio username and password.

1.3. Overview of the Xedio Cutter Window

Illustration

The Xedio Cutter window contains the areas highlighted on the screenshot below:



Note

The color of some user interface elements may vary with the Xedio skin installed.

Area Description

The table below describes the various parts of the Xedio Cutter window:

Part	Name	Description
1.	Player Pane	This is used to load and play media, to make clips and create the elements to place into the storyboard area. All types of media and clips can be played back but clips can only be made from video assets. Everything that is outside the video content has the skin color. Video such as letterboxed or pillarboxed video will show black bars as these mattes are part of the video signal When the Preview button is clicked, the Player window is replaced by the Storyboard Preview window.
2.	Media Manager	This is used to select the media to view in the Player window. It has the same powerful filtering and search attributes as other parts of the Xedio Suite of applications: this makes finding the required material an easy process.
3.	Storyboard	When clips are ready to export, they are added to the Storyboard area using the drag-and-drop technique. The order in which the clips appear in the list will be the order they are placed when exported.

1.4. Process Overview

The use of Xedio Cutter can be summarized as follows:

1. Select a media from the Media Manager
See section "Media Manager" on page 4.
2. Load it on the Player Pane
See section "Loading Media on the Player Window" on page 29.
3. Make a new clip
See section "Making a Clip" on page 29.
4. Send the clip to the Storyboard
See section "Creating and Managing the Storyboard List" on page 32.
5. Preview the Storyboard in the Player Pane
See section "Previewing the List" on page 33.
6. Export the Storyboard
See section "Exporting the Storyboard" on page 34.

2. Media Manager

2.1. Purpose

The Media Manager pane allows you to quickly find and browse the available A/V media present within the database.

2.2. Overview of the Media Manager

Class	Media Category	Label	Description	Creation Date	Modification Date	Shooting Date	TC IN	TC OUT	Duration	ExternalRef	
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00130_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:22	26-10-2010 11:08:02	24-09-2009	00:12:39:00	00:12:56:05	00:00:17:05		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00140_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:22	26-10-2010 11:08:01	24-09-2009	00:13:20:17	00:13:53:07	00:00:32:15		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00150_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:22	26-10-2010 11:08:01	24-09-2009	00:14:16:20	00:14:31:16	00:00:14:21		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00070_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:21	26-10-2010 11:08:00	24-09-2009	00:09:03:08	00:09:29:07	00:00:25:24		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00080_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:21	26-10-2010 11:08:00	24-09-2009	00:09:38:02	00:10:03:03	00:00:25:01		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00090_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:21	26-10-2010 11:08:00	24-09-2009	00:10:35:03	00:10:52:10	00:00:17:07		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00100_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:21	26-10-2010 11:07:59	24-09-2009	00:11:05:04	00:11:19:13	00:00:14:09		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00110_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:21	26-10-2010 11:07:59	24-09-2009	00:11:34:01	00:11:49:24	00:00:15:23		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00040_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:20	26-10-2010 11:07:58	24-09-2009	00:06:54:01	00:07:20:12	00:00:26:11		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00050_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:20	26-10-2010 11:07:58	24-09-2009	00:07:26:09	00:07:39:09	00:00:13:00		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00060_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:20	26-10-2010 11:07:58	24-09-2009	00:07:57:13	00:08:20:08	00:00:22:20		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00010_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:19	26-10-2010 11:07:57	24-09-2009	00:04:25:17	00:05:13:17	00:00:48:00		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00020_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:19	26-10-2010 11:07:57	24-09-2009	00:05:17:05	00:05:48:14	00:00:31:08		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00030_14h05		24-09-2009 14:05:19	26-10-2010 11:07:56	24-09-2009	00:06:17:22	00:06:36:20	00:00:18:23		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00030_14h03		24-09-2009 14:03:40	26-10-2010 11:07:56	24-09-2009	01:59:12:11	02:00:06:15	00:00:54:04		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00040_14h03		24-09-2009 14:03:40	26-10-2010 11:07:55	24-09-2009	02:00:15:00	02:00:26:21	00:00:11:21		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00050_14h03		24-09-2009 14:03:40	26-10-2010 11:07:55	24-09-2009	02:00:30:09	02:00:41:00	00:00:10:16		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00010_14h03		24-09-2009 14:03:39	26-10-2010 11:07:55	24-09-2009	01:58:00:14	01:57:04:24	00:01:04:10		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Athletisme_C00020_14h03		24-09-2009 14:03:39	26-10-2010 11:07:55	24-09-2009	01:58:24:04	01:59:10:11	00:00:46:07		P
Undefined	Audio/Video	Concert_C00050_14h00		24-09-2009 14:00:15	26-10-2010 11:07:54	24-09-2009	00:46:01:05	00:50:01:03	00:03:59:23		H
Undefined	Audio/Video	Concert_C00030_14h00		24-09-2009 14:00:12	26-10-2010 11:07:53	24-09-2009	00:45:33:21	00:45:39:20	00:00:05:24		H

The upper part of the pane gives access to the different filters which can be applied to the media list.

At least two tabs exist on the left of the Media Manager window.

- The Filter 0 tab: The element list displays the list of all media present in the database, or it returns the result of a search applied to the list.
- The Today tab: the element list shown the media with "creation date = today".

Additional tabs are displayed when the users have saved filters applied to the database. " for more details.

Media items are displayed in columns.

The element list displays the list of all media present in the database, or it returns the result of a search applied to the list.

2.3. Elements Grid

2.3.1. Sorting the Elements in the Grid

You can change the sort order of elements in the grid by clicking the column header for the parameter according to which you want to sort the elements.

The blue arrow indicates the sorting order. Clicking the column header again changes the sorting order from ascending to descending or vice versa.

2.3.2. Organizing Columns

Resizing Columns

A column can be resized by using the mouse pointer over columns intersection and dragging it to the right or to the left.

Selecting Columns to Display

To select the columns to display in the grid, proceed as follows:

1. Right-click the column header area.
A menu is displayed.
2. Select **Choose Displayed Columns**.
The Select Visible Columns window opens and shows the list of columns in the current order.
3. To select the column(s) you wish to add to the view, do one of the following:
 - in the left pane, double-click the column(s) you wish to add to the view
 - select them in the left pane and click the **Add** button
4. To select the column(s) you wish to remove from the view, do one of the following:
 - on the right pane, double-click the column(s) you wish to remove from the view
 - select them on the right pane and click the left arrow
5. Click **OK**.

Ordering Columns

To change the columns order, proceed in one of the following ways:

1. Select a column header
 2. Drag it to the left or right to the required place.
A vertical line shows the place where the column will be dropped.
- OR

1. Right-click a column header.
A menu is displayed.
2. Select **Choose Displayed Columns**.
The Select Visible Columns window opens and shows the list of columns in the current order.
3. Select the column name(s) from the Selected pane.
4. Click the appropriate button:
 - Up: moves the item(s) before the previous one
 - Down: moves the item(s) after the next one
5. Click **OK**.

2.3.3. Element Contextual Menu

A contextual menu with the following options is available when you right-click an item in the list.

Play

Loads the media in the Player to allow the element to be browsed and modified.

Render List

Opens the Render List window listing all types of rendering that have been done with the media.

Archive History

Opens the Archive History window listing the archive and restore processes that were achieved for the selected media.

View Properties

Opens the Media Properties window which shows the properties for the selected media. If a default metadata profile has been defined for the media, a metadata tab is displayed and shows the media metadata.

See the Xedio Manager manual for more information on the selection of a profile.

2.4. Searching for Elements in the List

2.4.1. Introduction

When the database contains large amounts of data, it may become difficult to find a specific element. The Media Manager offers several ways to speed up your search:

- quick text search
- filters on parameters

By default, the columns that are taken into consideration for the Quick Text Search are the ones currently visible in the grid.

If you wish to search in other columns, and view the string you are searching for in the columns, you can:

- add other columns to the Elements grid view
- use Filters, as explained in section "Advanced Search" on page 9.

These search tools are explained in detail below.

An applied filter can be saved for later use. Such a saved filter can then be applied in one click.

A search can also be facilitated by ordering the Elements grid.

2.4.2. Quick Text Search

Purpose and Context of Use


The Quick Text Search function is used to perform a search based on free text entered in the **Quick Text Search** field. This field is available on the top of the Elements grid.



It allows searching for a string in the displayed columns.

Users can enter a search string in one of the following ways.

- They enter the search string in full in the **Quick Text Search** field.


The Quick Text Search option obeys specific rules which can be accessed via the **Help** button  next to the **Quick Text Search** field.

See section "Quick Text Search Rules" on page 7 for more details on these rules.

- They click the arrow next to the **Quick Text Search** field, so the last 10 searches are displayed, and they select one of them.



Quick Text Search Rules


The string that you enter in the **Quick Text Search** field is analyzed according to the following set of rules, which can be accessed via the **Help** button  next to the **Quick Text Search** field.

The free text search is not a case sensitive operation.

Search String	Search Result
Yellow card	Searches for the strings "yellow" and "card", even if in two different fields (columns), for example "yellow" in Name and "card" in Keywords. For example a clip named "The Yellow Man" with keywords "Red Card" will be found, since it has yellow and card in 2 different fields.
"Yellow card"	Searches for strings containing "Yellow card".
Yellow card	Searches for "yellow" or "card", even if in two different fields (columns), for example "yellow" in Name or "card" in Keywords. Spaces around the sign are mandatory.
yell*	Searches for "yell" at the beginning of a string.
*low	Searches for "low" at the end of a string.
Ye*low	Searches for strings with "ye" at the beginning and "low" at the end.
Ye*low 123	Searches for strings with "ye" at the beginning and "low" at the end and which contains "123".
=card	Searches for a string exactly equals to "card". For example, if a field contains "yellow card", the =card condition will not return any result.
= "yellow card"	Searches for a string exactly equals to "yellow card". The use of quotes is required due to the space between "yellow" and "card".


How to Perform a Quick Text Search

To perform a Quick Text search, proceed as follows:

1. Display the columns you wish to perform a quick search on.
2. Type a search string in the **Quick Text Search** field, based on Quick Text search rules available from the **Help** button  and detailed in section "Quick Text Search Rules" on page 7.
3. Click the **Search** button to apply the Quick Text Search.

Depending on whether the **AutoRefresh Filtering** setting is selected or not, you may not have to click the **Search** button to apply the Quick Text Search. Refer to the tab Software > Parameter Profiles > General > General in Xedio Manager.

The search result is displayed in the grid.

4. To clear the applied Quick Text Search, click the red  button to the right of the search field or select **<empty>** from the **Quick Text Search** drop-down list.

2.4.3. Advanced Search

Purpose and Context of Use

The Advanced Search functions are available for more detailed search operations. They allow searches on media metadata.


From the Today tab, the filter "creation date = today" is automatically applied.

The Advanced Search fields can be displayed on the top left part of the Elements grid.

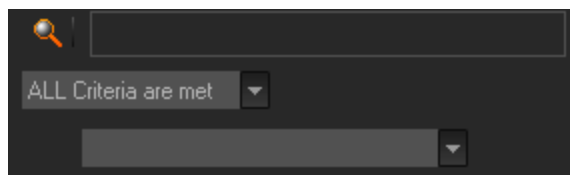
Advanced Search Fields Display

Displaying Advanced Search Fields



Show/Hide Filter Button

To display the Advanced Search fields, click the **Show/Hide Filter** button  above the grid.

The Advanced Search area is expanded as follows:

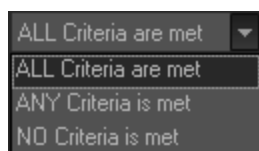


The **Show/Hide Filter** button can be displayed with two different colors:

Button Display	Meaning
 (gray)	The Show/Hide Filter button is gray when all filter criteria are hidden. Consequently, the filters are inactive.
 (colored)	The Show/Hide Filter button is colored when the Advanced Search area is visible, even if no filtering criterion is applied.

Criteria Combination Field

The first field under the **Show/Hide Filter** button lists three options for the combination of criteria to be taken into account during the filtering operation.



Option	Meaning
ALL criteria are met	All the criteria selected in the Filter fields displayed under the Criteria Combination field must be met. The media displayed in the Elements grid fulfill all the selected filter criteria.
ANY criteria is met	At least one of the criteria selected in the Filter fields must be met. The media displayed in the Elements grid fulfill at least one of the selected filter criteria.
NO criteria is met	None of the criteria selected in the Filter fields displayed under the Criteria Combination field must be met. The media displayed in the Elements grid fulfill none of the selected filter criteria.

Search Parameters List



The second field gives access to the list of available advanced search parameters. Click the arrow next to the field to display the list.

Users are then able to add as many search fields as needed and to enter search criteria for each of them.

Advanced Search Fields

Once a search parameter has been selected, an entire line is displayed.



Interface Element	Description
1	Selected search parameter.
2	Various fields used to enter the filter criteria. See section "Advanced Search Fields Types" on page 11.
	Used to remove the corresponding filter line.
	Used to add a new filter line.

Hiding Advanced Search Fields

To hide all the Advanced Search fields, click the **Show/Hide Filter** button again. Consequently, all the applied filters are removed.

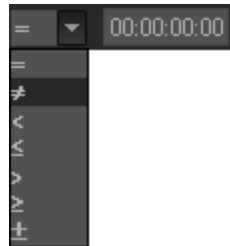
To remove an Advanced Search field from the Advanced Search area and thus clear the corresponding applied filter, click the  button next to the field.

Advanced Search Fields Types

Depending on the selected search parameter, different types of advanced search fields will be displayed and available to enter criteria.

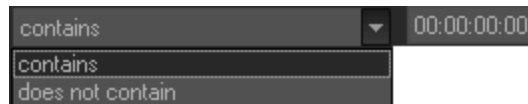
Timecode or Duration Parameter

Such as TC IN, TC OUT, Duration...



1. Select a logical operator in the first field
2. Enter a timecode or duration value in the second field.

Timecode Range



1. Select an option from the first field
2. Enter a timecode value.

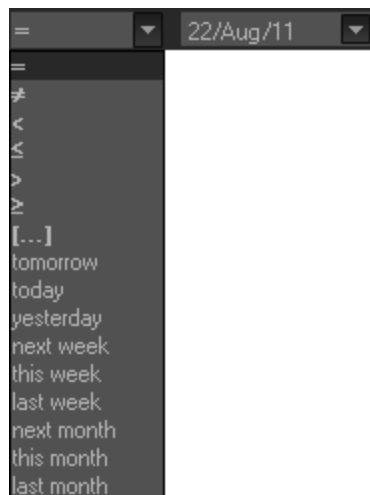
This will include, or exclude, media containing the specified timecode value.

Date

Such as Creation Date

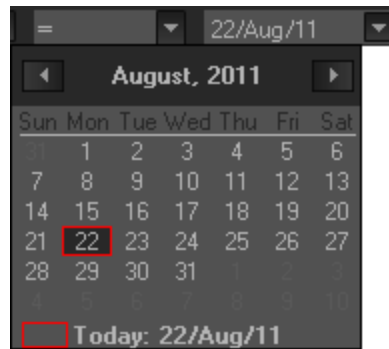
Several Date Search filters exist.

1. Select a condition or a logical operator in the first field



2. This will condition the next step:

- Search based on a specific date (e.g. with =...): a calendar will be displayed for the selection of a date.



- Search based on an interval (e.g. with [...] (between)...): two calendars are displayed for the selection of two dates.



- Search based on a specific date calculated from the current date (e.g. with **tomorrow**, **last month**,...): no other field appears.

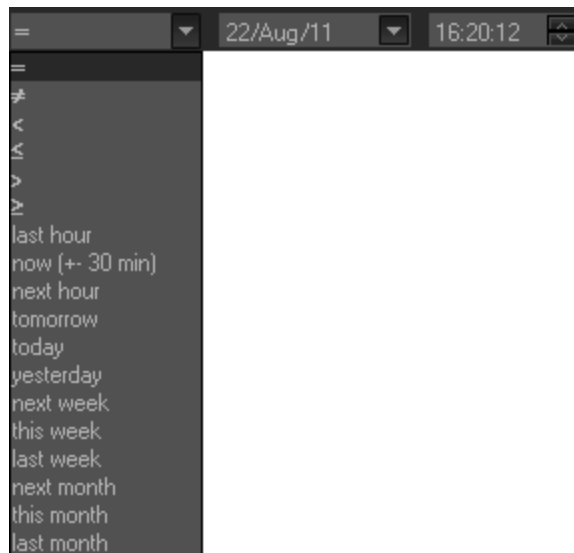


Time

Such as Last Rendered Date Time

Several Date Search filters exist.

1. Select a condition or a logical operator in the first field



2. This will condition the next step:

- Search based on a specific date and time (e.g. with =...): two additional fields will be displayed, a calendar for the selection of a date and drop-down list for the selection of time.
- Search based on a specific date and time calculated from the current date and time (e.g. with **next hour**, **last month**,...): no other field appears.



Number

Such as DB Id



1. Select a logical operator in the first field
2. Enter a number in the second field.



Note


<> means "differs from".

Option List

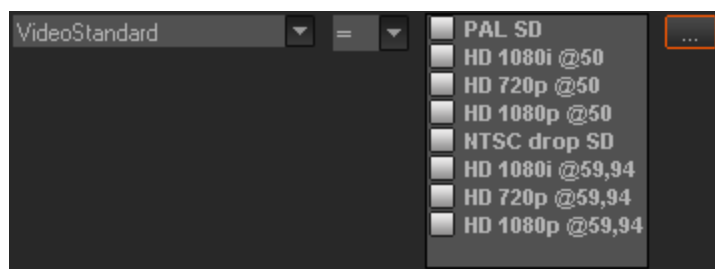
Such as Video Standard

1. Select a logical operator in the first field



2. Click the  button to display the list of options available for the selected filter parameter.

Example for the Video Standard:



3. Select an option from the list.

Boolean

Such as Published

- Select Yes or No from the single criteria field.

 A screenshot of a dropdown menu with a dark background. The menu is open, showing two options: 'yes' and 'no'. The 'yes' option is currently selected and highlighted.

Free Text


Such as Label

 A screenshot of a dropdown menu with a dark background. The menu is open, showing several options: 'contains', 'does not contain', '=', '≠', 'starts with', and 'ends with'. The 'contains' option is currently selected and highlighted.

- Select a condition in the first field.
- Enter free text in the second field.

How to Perform an Advanced Search

To enter search values in the Advanced Search fields, proceed as follows:

- Choose the columns you wish to perform a search on.
- Click the **Show/Hide Filter** button 

The Advanced Search area is displayed:

 A screenshot of the Advanced Search area. It features a search bar at the top with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a dropdown menu currently set to 'ALL Criteria are met'. There is also a text input field below the dropdown.

- Select a criteria combination from the list:

 A screenshot of a dropdown menu with a dark background. The menu is open, showing four options: 'ALL Criteria are met', 'ANY Criteria is met', 'NO Criteria is met', and another 'ALL Criteria are met' option. The first 'ALL Criteria are met' option is currently selected and highlighted.

- Select a search parameter from the list of parameters.


An entire line, corresponding to the selected filter parameter, is displayed:

 A screenshot of the Advanced Search area. It shows a search bar at the top with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a dropdown menu set to 'ALL Criteria are met'. Below that, a search parameter 'Camera' is displayed in a text field, followed by an equals sign and a dropdown menu. To the right of the equals sign are buttons for help (question mark) and delete (red X).

5. Enter filter criteria as explained in section "Advanced Search Fields Types" on page 11.

For free text fields, press **ENTER** to apply the filter.

Otherwise, the Elements grid is automatically filtered and refreshed.

6. If required, click the  button to add another advanced search parameter.

2.4.4. Using Saved Filters

Introduction

Once you have defined filters and search terms, you may want to save them for later use. You will then be able to apply the same set of filters with a single click.

Saved filters appear as tabs.

At least two tabs exist on the left of the Elements grid.

- The Filter 0 tab: The Elements grid displays the list of all elements present in Xedio Dispatcher, or it returns the result of a search applied to the list.
- The Today tab: the Elements grid shows the elements with "creation date = today".



Warning

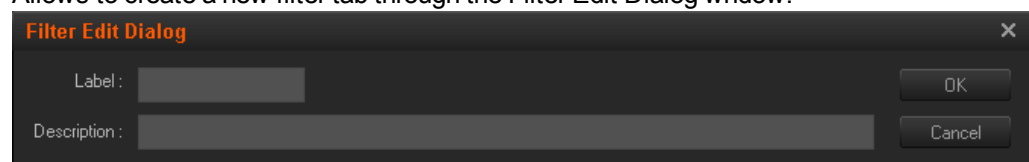
Those filters can be modified by the user, so the results could no longer reflect the tab label.

Saved Filter Contextual Menu

Right-clicking in the Filter 0 tab displays a contextual menu with the following options:

Create New Filter

Allows to create a new filter tab through the Filter Edit Dialog window:



Save Filter As

Allows to create a new filter tab in which the current search filter will be saved.

Filter Properties

Allows to change the name and/or description of the selected filter tab.

Reset Filter

Removes all search criteria on the selected filter tab.

Delete Filter

Removes the filter tab.

How to Save Filters

To save filters, proceed as follows:

1. Define the filter or filters combination you wish to save, as explained in section "How to Perform an Advanced Search" on page 14.
2. Right-click the Filter 0 tab.
3. Select **Save Filter As** from the contextual menu.
The Filter Edit Dialog box opens.
4. Enter a label for the tab you are going to create and, if required, enter a description.
5. Click **OK**.

The new filter tab is displayed on the left of the list.

How to Apply a Saved Filter

To apply a saved filter, simply click the corresponding tab.

3. Player

3.1. Purpose



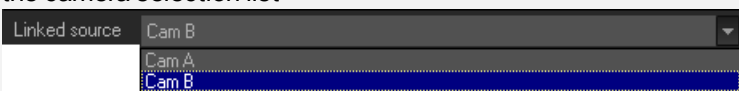

The Player is used to load and play media from the Media Manager area, to make clips and create the elements to be placed in the Storyboard area.

3.2. Overview of the Player Pane

The Player pane provides a video display, a media bar and a jog bar to navigate within the element, video and audio selection and monitoring buttons, transport buttons and timecode fields, audio vumeters.



The following table briefly describes the various zones on the Player area and refers to the section where the fields are detailed.

Part	Name	Description
1.	Video Display	It displays the video material loaded on the Player. Everything that is outside the video content has the skin color. Letterboxed or pillarboxed video show black bars as these mattes are part of the video signal. Parameters related to the display are available via a contextual menu. See section "Video Display Options" on page 19.
2.	Track Selection Buttons	They allow the user to select the tracks to be taken into account for the loaded material. See section "Video and Audio Monitoring Tools" on page 24.
3.	Jog and Media Bar	They allow the user to navigate in the loaded material, to place IN, OUT and nowline points, as well as to modify the playback speed of the material. See section "Media Bar and Jog Bar" on page 21.
4.	Clip Creation Fields	They are used to create new clips, and get the exact timecode of the nowline, IN and OUT points. See sections "Clip Creation Functions" on page 24 and "Timecode Information" on page 24.
5.	Cue Point Icons	The cue points make it possible to add reference points to easily identify positions of interest in the loaded media. See section "Logs" on page 28.
6.	Transport Control Icons	They are used to play back the loaded media. See section "Player Transport Controls" on page 19.
NEW !	7. Server Recorder Selection	<p>The  button acts as a toggle switch between the Track Selection buttons  and the camera selection list</p>  <p>Several cases can occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a clip belonging to a group of linked clips is loaded (for example, clips created with ganged channels in IPDirector), the list displays the various camera angles and allows the user to select a clip linked to the one loaded. • If an individual clip is loaded, only its recorder channel is available. <p>If a media ingested from an encoder is loaded, the  button is not available.</p>
8.	Audiometers	Audio meters represent the audio channels of the monitored track.

3.3. Video Display Options

A contextual menu is available when right-clicking the Video Display area. This gives display options for the video.

Show Timecode

This option offers various options to display timecode on the Player window.

- **none**: does not display timecode.
- **Start TC**: shows a counter starting with 0 at the first frame of the media.
- **Intra TC**: shows the original timecode of the media.

Up to two TC options can be selected.

Aspect Ratio

This option offers a choice of aspect ratios for the display: **Auto**, **4:3** or **16:9**.

Show Safe Areas

This option displays a safe area cage on the window to determine which areas of the picture will be seen. This allows to check the size of graphics within the media for safe display.

Grab Image

Grabs the current image, either in low resolution or in high resolution. The default folder (c:\) where the grab is stored is defined in Xedio Manager > Software > ParameterProfiles > General > General tab settings: **GrabStillFrameFolder** parameter.

Show Label

Displays the name of the loaded item on the top of the Video Display.

3.4. Player Functions

3.4.1. Player Transport Controls

The following table shows an overview of the various transport control commands in the Player.

A button and/or a keyboard shortcut can be used to perform each action.








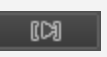










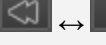







For a full list of commands activated via a shortcut key, refer to Xedio Manager:




Softwares > Keyboard Profiles > Xedio Cutter > default > Player.
















Note

The user can customize the keyboard shortcuts in Xedio Manager to perform transport control commands. The keys mentioned below are the default settings.

Operation	User Interface Button	Description
Play and Stop	 ↔ 	Button used to start/stop the preview (video and/or audio) of the loaded media.
Play when recorded	 + 	This starts the playout at the end of a media currently being recorded.
Play from IN to OUT	 ↔ 	Button used to play from the marked IN point to the OUT point.
Loop	 + 	This loops the playout from IN to OUT.
Goto IN	 + 	This moves the current nowline position to the already existing IN point.
Goto OUT	 + 	This moves the current nowline position to the already existing OUT point.
Goto Previous Frame		Button used to move from the current position to the previous frame.
Go 10 frames backward	 + 	This is used together to move 10 frames backward.
Goto Next Frame		Button used to move from the current position to the following frame.
Go 10 frames forward	 + 	This is used together to move 10 frames forward.
Fast Rewind	 ↔ 	Button used to start moving backwards through the media at a preset fast speed. The speeds are set in the Database Manager application.
Increase Rewind Speed	 + 	This increases the fast rewind speed.
Fast Forward	 ↔ 	Button used to start moving forwards through the media at a preset fast speed. The speeds are set in the Database Manager application.
Increase Forward Speed	 + 	This increases the fast forward speed.

The ,  and  keyboard shortcuts are used to navigate (in a combination of shuttle and scrub at the same time) backwards and forwards in A/V content.

The following table lists their different uses.

Keyboard Shortcut	Function Description
	Shuttles/scrubs backward at twice the real time speed. Pressing repeatedly the key will increase the shuttling/scrubbing speed in a loop: x1, x2, x3, x5, x8 and then back to x1. Note If another key is pressed between the repetitions, the shuttle/scrub speed is reset. 
	Stops the preview of the A/V content.
	Shuttles/scrubs backward at twice the real time speed. Pressing repeatedly the key will increase the shuttling/scrubbing speed in a loop: x1, x2, x3, x5, x8 and then back to x1. Note If another key is pressed between the repetitions, the shuttle/scrub speed is reset. 
Hold  + tap 	Steps backward 1 frame at a time.
Hold  + tap 	Steps forward 1 frame at a time.
Hold  + hold 	Plays backward at 33% of the real time speed.
Hold  + hold 	Plays forward at 33% of the real time speed.

3.4.2. Media Bar and Jog Bar

Media Bars

Top Bar

The top bar represents the media, or a portion of it, currently loaded on the Player.

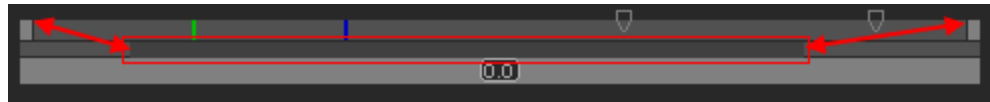
The mark IN, mark OUT and nowline are displayed on this top area.



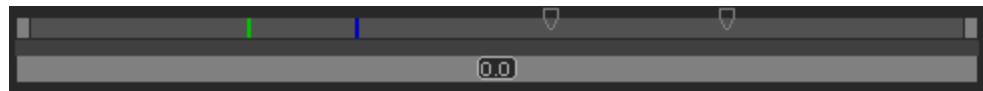
Middle Bar

The middle bar is used to zoom into the loaded element.

Its dark gray zone shows the section of the media, out of the whole media, visible in the top bar and the relative position of the visible section in the whole media.



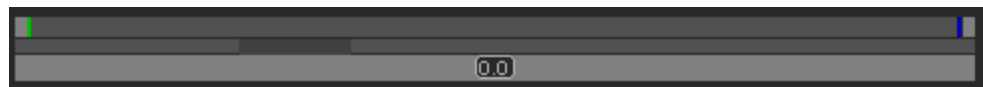
- When a media or an edit has just been loaded, the top bar represents the whole media. The dark gray zone covers the whole length of the middle bar:



- When a clip has just been loaded, the top bar represents the whole media. The dark gray zone represents the whole media and covers the whole length of the middle bar:

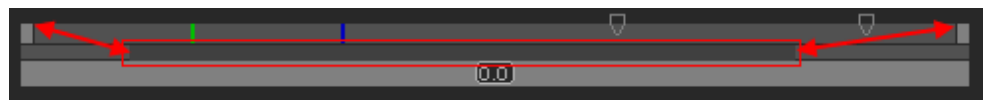


- When a mark IN and a mark OUT are defined, double-clicking on the dark gray zone toggle the section covered by the top bar from the whole media length to the clip length (between mark IN and mark OUT), and vice-versa:

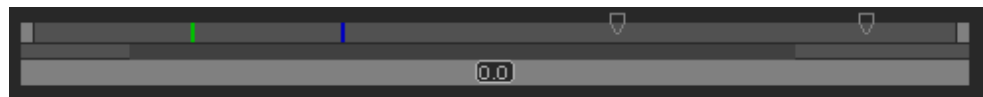


The dark gray zone is reduced to represent the length and position with regard to the whole media.

- If you position the mouse on the middle bar and rotate the mouse wheel up or down, you respectively increase or reduce the section of the media visible in the top bar. Thus, the dark gray zone is enlarged or reduced:



- If you click on the dark gray zone and drag it to the left or to the right, you shift the section of media visible in the top bar to the beginning or to the end of the media.



Nowline, Mark IN and Mark OUT

Display

The (mark) IN point, the (mark) OUT point, and the nowline are shown in the media bar of the Player pane as vertical lines.



- An IN point, or mark IN point is shown as a green line on the media bar.
- An OUT point, or mark OUT point is shown as a red line on the media bar.
- The nowline, representing the current position within the loaded element, is shown as a blue line on the media bar. To place the nowline at a given position, simply click at the requested position on the media bar.

Moving Points

To move the position of the mark IN, mark OUT or nowline, click on them with the mouse and drag them to the desired position.

Nowline Outside Media Bar

When the media is being played, the nowline moves along the top media bar. If only a section of the media is visible in the top bar, the nowline may disappear. In this case, a red indicator, on the right side of the media bar will be displayed. A click on the vertical indicator (on the right side) will re-center the top bar on the nowline.

Moving the middle bar to the right or to the left can lead to such a situation, with the nowline disappearing respectively to the left or to the right of the top bar.



Jog Bar

The bottom bar is the jog bar.

Dragging the speed indicator on the jog bar allows you to move within the media at a variable speed:





The speed varies depending on:

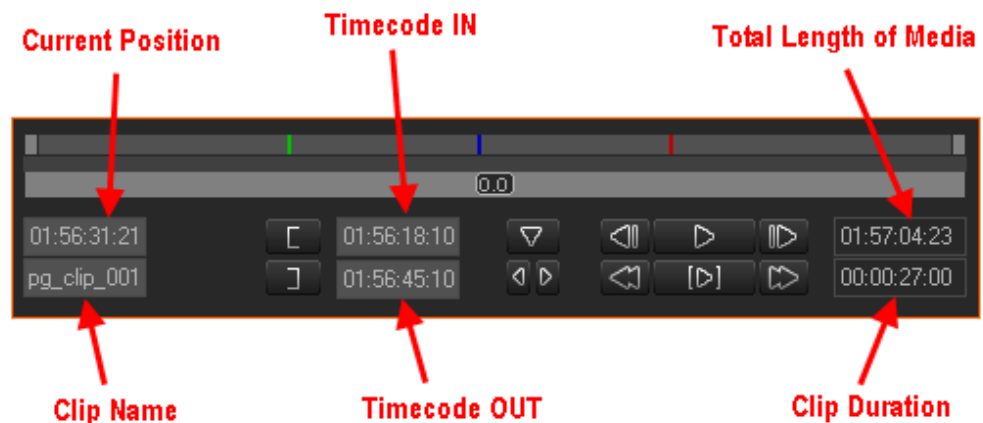
- the position of the speed indicator
- the speed range covered by the jog bar. The default range is set from -200% to +200%. This is set .

Audio can be heard when using the jog.

3.4.3. Clip Creation Functions

Operation	User Interface Button	Description
Mark IN		Sets an IN point at the current position. The timecode of the IN point is then displayed in the IN field.
Mark OUT		Sets an OUT point at the current position. The timecode of the OUT point is then displayed in the OUT field.

3.4.4. Timecode Information

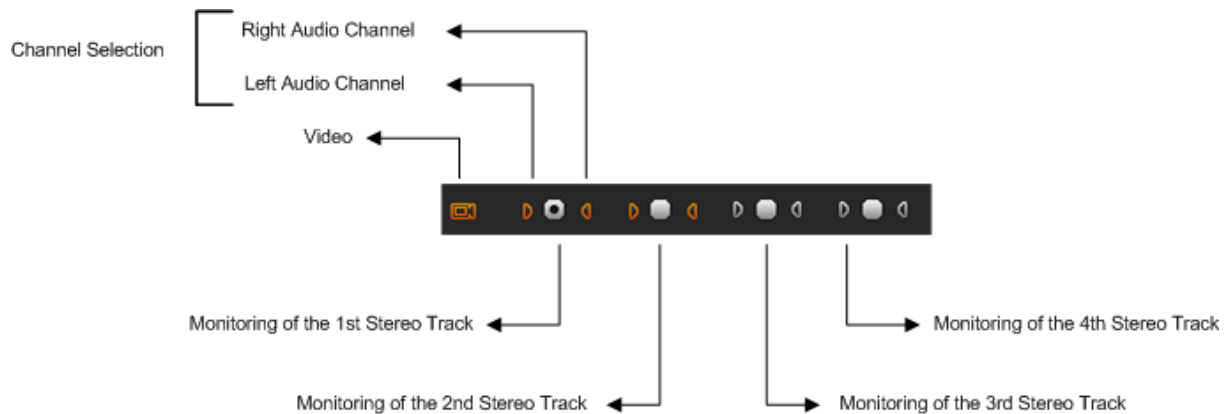


3.4.5. Video and Audio Monitoring Tools




Overview of the Video and Audio Tracks

The video and audio channels of a loaded source file are represented below the Video Display/Player in the form of **Track Selection** buttons.

Here is an example with 4 tracks of stereo channels:




The different types of audio tracks of a loaded media or clip are displayed as follows:

- A **mono track** is represented by 
- A **stereo track** is represented by 
- A **5.1 track** is represented by 




Note

If the loaded media/clip contains more than 8 audio tracks, only the first 8 tracks are displayed under the Video Display. A first click on the  button allows to display the additional tracks.


Video and Audio Tracks Selection

When you create a sub-clip, you need to select the video and the requested audio channels.

Selection of the Video Channel

The **Video** button  is clicked to select or remove the video. So the clip made contains, or not, the video.

Selection of an Audio Channel

The left and the right loudspeaker buttons of an audio stereo track  are used to select or remove respectively the left or the right channel of the corresponding audio track:



Clicking the left audio button will remove the left audio component from the source so that the clip made has no left audio channel. In this case, the right channel will be output on the left and right channels.

Clicking both left and right audio buttons will also remove the right audio component so that the clip made has no audio channel for this track.









A mono track is removed from the selection by clicking the loudspeaker button on the right of the radio button:



A 5.1 audio track is removed from the selection by clicking the loudspeaker button on the right of the radio button:



The next table summarizes how the buttons look like depending on the selection:

	Selected	Removed
Video		
Audio		
		
		

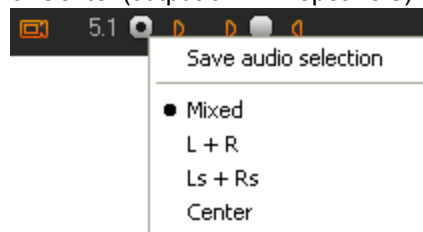
Selection of the Track for Audio Monitoring

The radio buttons displayed between each pair of stereo channel buttons or next to a mono or 5.1 audio channel button allow the selection of one audio track for monitoring:



Note

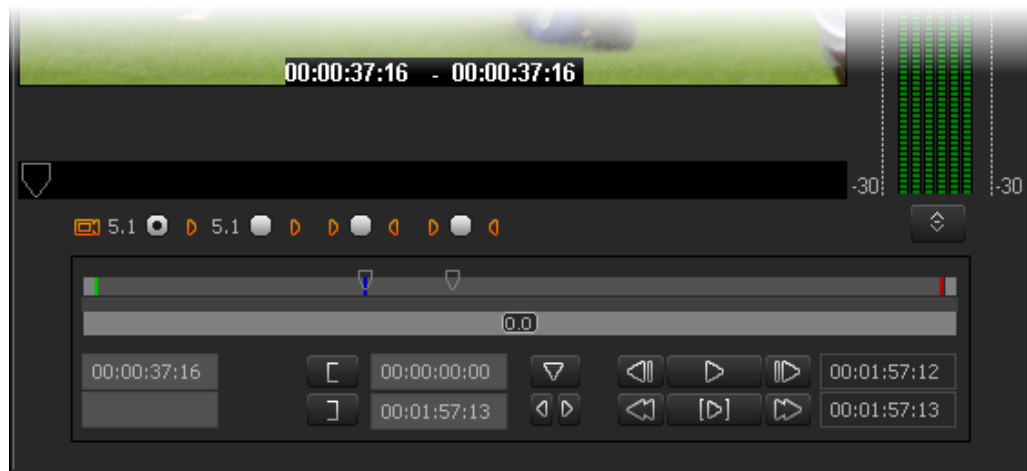
When you right-click on a 5.1 radio button, a popup menu appears in which you can select the 5.1 components that should be monitored on the left and right channels. You can choose between the following options: Mixed, L+R, Ls+Rs or Center (output on L+R speakers).




Audio meters located on the right side of the Video Display represent the audio channels of the monitored track.


3.4.6. Logs


Logs are reference marks that can be placed wherever needed on the loaded media. Their purpose is to mark points of interest on the media and to facilitate rapid movement between them.



They are shown on the media bar as transparent triangles. There is always a black stripe below the video display when logs are present on the loaded media/clip. When the nowline is on a log timecode, a transparent triangle appears on the left of this black stripe.

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This button creates the mark on the media at the nowline position and is visible as a triangle on media bar at the corresponding video frame.
- CTRL + 

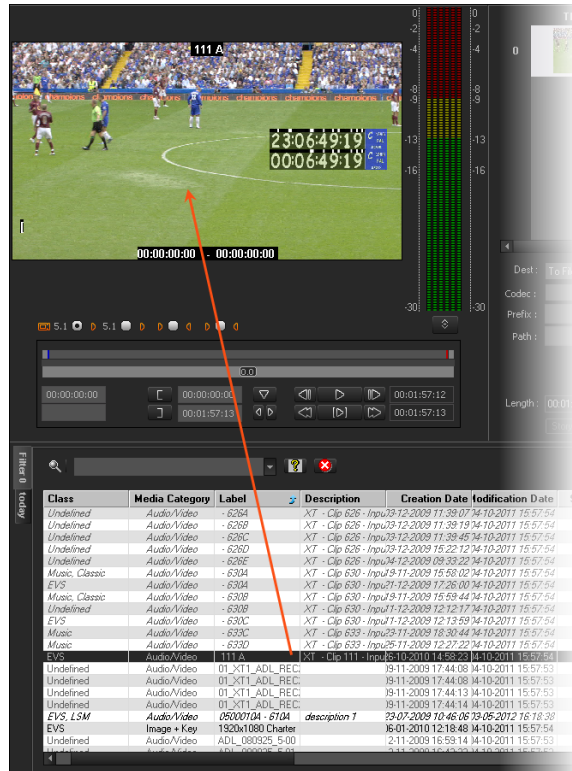
This removes a log when the nowline is placed on it.
- 

The **Goto Previous Mark** and **Goto Next Mark** buttons allow movement between the marked frames.

3.5. Loading Media on the Player Window

You can proceed in different ways to load media on the Player:

- Drag the media from the Media Manager window to the Player window:



- In the Media Manager, double-click the media to load
- In the Media Manager, right-click on an element from the list and select **Play** from the contextual menu.

The Player window will display the selected element.

3.6. Making a Clip

When a media has been loaded on the Player Panel, a clip can be made from the media.

To do so, proceed as follows:

- Determine the IN point for the clip in one of the following ways:
 - use the transport functions, or
 - drag the nowline to the selected position, or
 - enter a value in the IN field

2. Click the  button to mark the IN point.

On the video display, a " [" is shown on the frame and a green line appears on the media bar.

3. Determine the OUT point for the clip in one of the following ways:

- Use the transport functions, or
- Drag the nowline to the selected position, or
- Enter a value in the OUT field.

4. Click the  button to mark the IN point.

On the video display a "] " is shown on the frame and a red line appears on the media bar.

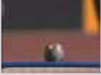


5. If needed, select the audio for the clip.
6. Enter a name for the clip in the **Clip Name** field.

You can then use the clip in the Storyboard.

4. Storyboard

4.1. Purpose

When clips have been marked in the Player pane and are ready to export, they can be dropped into the Storyboard area.

	Thumbnail	Media Label	Clip Label	Tc In	Tc Out	Duration
0		Athletisme_C00010_	pge002	01:56:22:22	01:56:32:01	00:00:09:04
1		Athletisme_C00020_	pge003	01:58:31:01	01:58:35:03	00:00:04:02
2		Athletisme_C00050_	clip_000	02:00:30:09	02:00:40:24	00:00:10:15

Dest :

User :

EditID :

Class :

Project : Existing

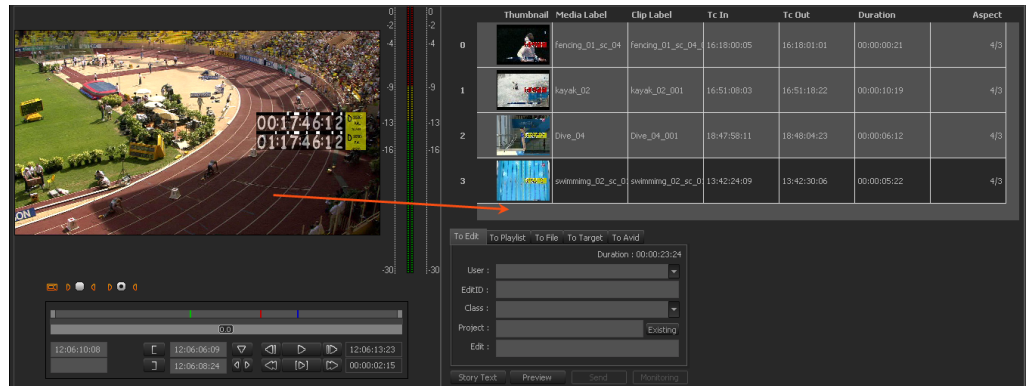
Edit :

Length :

4.2. Creating and Managing the Storyboard List

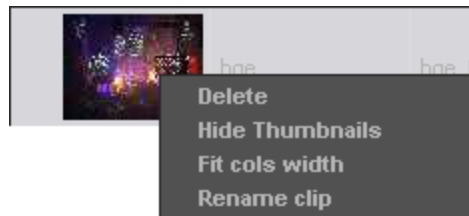
Adding a Clip to the Storyboard

To add a clip or media to the list, drag it from the Player window onto the Storyboard area. It will always be added at the end of the list.



Removing a Clip from the Storyboard

To delete a clip that has been placed in the list, right-click on its item and select **Delete** from the contextual menu.



Renaming a Clip in the Storyboard

To rename a clip that has been placed in the list, right-click on its item and select **Rename Clip** from the contextual menu.

Showing or Hiding Thumbnails

Right-click on the Storyboard window and select **Show thumbnails** or **Hide thumbnails** from the contextual menu.

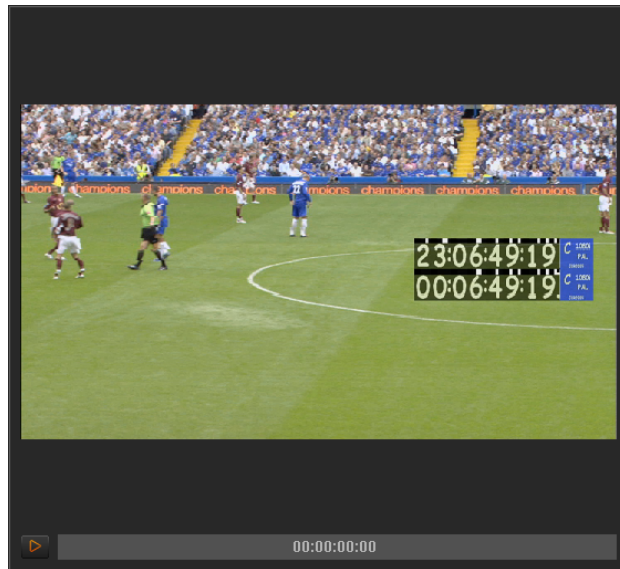
Adjusting the Columns Width

To change the width of the different columns displayed for the list, do one of the following:

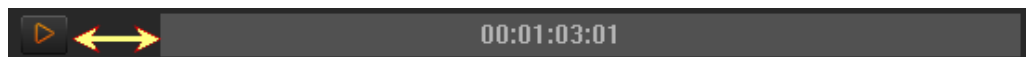
- click on the column separator in the title line and drag it to the desired position
- or
- right-click on the Storyboard window and select “**Fit cols width**” from the contextual menu to automatically adjust the width of all the columns to their content size.

4.3. Previewing the List

To preview a Storyboard, click the **Preview** button at the bottom of the Storyboard area. This will load the Storyboard Preview window on the Player window.



The **Play** button allows the playout to start while a progress bar shows how far the list has played.



The clips will be played in the same order as they appear in the list.

4.4. Exporting the Storyboard

4.4.1. Introduction

Once your storyboard is finalized, you can export it to multiple destinations and in multiple formats at the same time.

Xedio Cutter makes it possible to export the storyboard to various destination types.

- to Edit
This allows you to consolidate a storyboard and store it as a single clip in the Xedio storage system and Xedio database.
- to Playlist
This allows you to export the storyboard to a playlist for use in Playout Organizer.
- to File
This allows you to export a storyboard to a file that can be read by an external system.
- to Target
This allows you to export a storyboard according to a predefined Xsquare target.

4.4.2. Exporting the Storyboard to Edit

How to Export the List to CleanEdit

To export the storyboard to CleanEdit for use on the timeline, proceed as follows:

1. Select the **To Edit** tab.
2. Select a user from the **User** field.
3. (optional) Select a class from the **Class** field.
4. Enter a project name in the **Project** field. This could be an existing known project from the selected user or a new project name.
5. Enter a new edit name in the **Edit** field to place the clips in the timeline in the same order as they appear in the storyboard.
6. A text note can be added and linked to the edit. Click the **Story Text** button on the panel and enter the desired text.
7. Click the **Send** button.

A confirmation message will be displayed in case of successful edit creation in the database. Click **OK**.

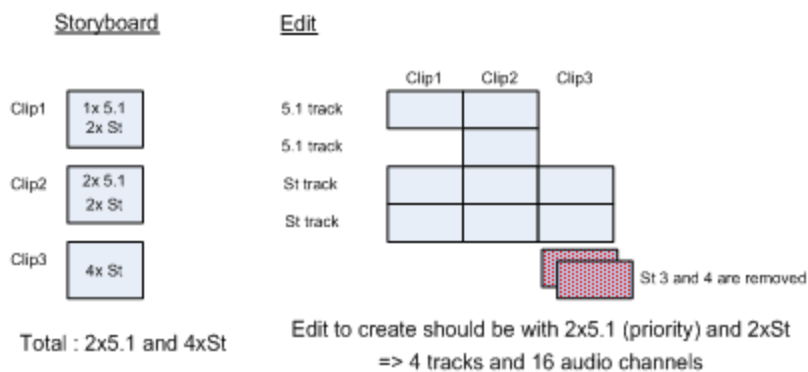
Audio Management for the Exported Edit

Clips copied to the storyboard do not have necessarily the same audio tracks. The number of audio channels in the exported edit cannot exceed 16. So, in certain circumstances, some audio channels will be discarded.

The rules applied for the selection of audio channels are the following:

1. Audio channels are taken in the order clips are listed in the storyboard.
2. The largest tracks are taken into account first: 5.1 tracks, then stereo tracks, then mono tracks.
3. When the maximum number of audio channels (16) is reached, the other ones are discarded from the exported edit.

Example



In the example:

- Clip 1 contains one 5.1 track and two stereo tracks, which corresponds to 10 audio channels. All these tracks can be used in the edit.
- Clip 2 contains two 5.1 tracks and two stereo tracks. The first 5.1 track and the two stereo tracks are automatically taken into account as they are already used for Clip 1. As 6 audio channels are still available, the second 5.1 track can be taken into account as well.
- Clip 3 contains four stereo tracks. The two first stereo tracks can be used as they are already taken into account for the previous clips. As the 16 available audio channels are already used, the two other stereo tracks cannot be used and are dropped from the exported edit.

4.4.3. Exporting the Storyboard to a Playlist

To export the storyboard to a playlist for use in Playout Organizer, proceed as follows:

1. Select the **To Playlist** tab
2. Select a user from the **User** field.
3. Enter a playlist name in the **Playlist** field.
4. Click the **Send** button on the panel.

A confirmation message will be displayed in case of successful playlist creation in the database. Click **OK**.

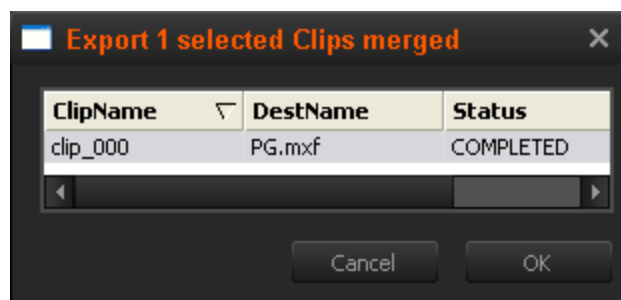
4.4.4. Exporting the Storyboard as a File

To export the storyboard as a file for transfer and use with external programs, proceed as follows:

1. Select the **To File** tab.
2. Select a codec from the **Codec** field to encode the clips.
3. Enter a file name prefix in the **Prefix** field.
4. Select the **Merge** option to merge the storyboard clips in one single output file. Otherwise all clips will be saved each as a separate file.
5. Select the **Sel. Only** option to output only the clips selected in the list. Otherwise all clips will be used to generate the output.
6. In the **Path** field, enter or select the directory and its path where to save the output files.
7. Click the **Send** button.

A progress bar will be displayed to show the encoding progress and the estimated remaining time.

After the encoding is completed, a list of generated files will be displayed.



8. Click **OK**.

4.4.5. Exporting the Storyboard to a Target

Introduction

The To Target subtab is used to export a storyboard according to a predefined Xsquare target.

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Note

Xsquare targets are visible provided that

- the Xsquare has been declared in Xedio Manager and that it can be reached
- the user logged into Xedio Cutter has an Xsquare account with the same access codes (login and password) in both applications.

How to Export to Target

To export a storyboard to a predefined target, proceed as follows:

1. Select the **To Target** tab.
2. From the **Target** field, select an Xsquare target.
3. Click the **General** button.
4. Complete the storyboard properties:

Field	Description
Label	Name for the storyboard (mandatory).
VarID	VarID given to the storyboard.
Class	Class to categorize to storyboard.
User	Name of the storyboard owner.

5. Click the **Metadata** button to access the metadata profile fields.
 - A metadata profile is available only if a default metadata profile has been selected for use with the edits from the Edit Metadata Profile Association window in Xedio Manager.
 - When several metadata profiles have been selected for use with the edits from the Edit Metadata Profile Association window in Xedio Manager (one default profile and one or more associated profiles), then, the first line displays the name of the default metadata profile and can be used to select another profile.

Metadata Profile	Summer Event
Event Date	26/03/2012
Session Day	1
Sport	Football

6. Complete the metadata profile fields, if needed.
7. Click **Submit** at the bottom of the tab.

The storyboard is exported as defined in the selected target profile.

The progress of the export job to an Xsquare target can be monitored by clicking the **Monitoring** button.

Monitoring the Export Process to a Target

The **Monitor** button is used to monitor the export status.

The Monitoring window contains one tab per Xsquare server, provided that Xsquare servers have been configured from Xedio Manager.

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